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(A.R.S. 45-264)  
(Authorized by Laws 1995, chapter 9)

House Members

(R) Barnes  
(R) Mason  
(R) vacant  
(D) Brown  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) vacant  
(R) Gray, C.  
(R) Harper  
(D) vacant  
(D) Garcia

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 41-1046)  
(Authorized by Laws 2009, chapter 171)

House Members

(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant  
(D) vacant

Termination Date: July 1, 2017

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADOPTION PROMOTION

(Authorized by Laws 2005, chapter 328)

House Members

(R) Murphy, Cochair, advisory  
(D) vacant, advisory

Senate Members

(R) Huppenthal, Cochair, advisory  
(D) Rios, advisory

Speaker Appointments

Thomas Bliss  
Louise Gonzalez  
Michael Herrod  
Katherine Judd

President Appointments

Allison Lusk  
Walter Martin  
Robertta Salamone  
Marcie Velen

STATE COUNCIL FOR INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

(A.R.S. 31-467, Article 4)  
(Authorized by Laws 2002, chapter 319)

House Member

(R) Yarbrough

Senate Member

(R) Verschoor

ARIZONA AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 41-1562)  
(Authorized by Laws 1991, chapter 118, and amended by  
Laws 2001, chapter 29 and Laws 2004, chapter 133)  
(formerly Arizona Space Commission)

House Member

(R) Weiers, Jerry, advisory

Senate Member

(R) Harper, advisory

Termination Date: July 1, 2011

ARIZONA AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 3-3303)

(Authorized by Laws 2002, chapter 318)

Speaker Appointments

Michael Denby  
David McKay  
Jackie Meck  
Tom Rolston  
Clifford Saylor

President Appointments

Maria Baier  
Mark Herrington  
Patricia King  
Larry Rovey  
David Schofield

Termination Date: June 1, 2012

STATE AIR QUALITY STUDY COMMITTEE

(Authorized by Laws 2007, chapter 292)

House Members

(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant  
(D) vacant

Termination Date: December 31, 2009

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 41-1279)

(Authorized by Laws 1978, chapter 210 and amended by Laws 1979, chapter 132, Laws 1980, chapter 232, Laws 1984, chapter 179, Laws 1986, chapter 162, Laws 1992, chapter 56 and Laws 1993, chapter 68)  
(formerly Joint Legislative Oversight Committee)

House Members

(R) Burges, Vice Chair  
(R) Boone  
(R) Crandall  
(D) Campbell Chad  
(D) Sinema  
(R) Adams, ex officio

Senate Members

(R) Verschoor, Chair  
(R) Gorman  
(R) Huppenthal  
(D) Miranda  
(D) Rios  
(R) Burns, ex officio

JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 41-1271)

(Authorized by Laws 1966, chapter 96 and amended by Laws 1971, chapter 3, Laws 1982, chapter 157, Laws 1990, chapter 84, Laws 1991, chapter 8 and Laws 2000, chapter 300)

House Members

(R) Kavanagh, Chair  
(R) Biggs  
(R) McComish  
(R) Murphy  
(R) Williams  
(D) Cajero Bedford  
(D) Campbell, Cloves  
(D) Heinz

Senate Members

(R) Pearce, Vice Chair  
(R) Gray, C.  
(R) Harper  
(R) Pierce  
(R) Waring  
(D) Aboud  
(D) Aguirre  
(D) Rios

Termination Date: July 1, 2010

## COMMITTEES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL REVIEW

(A.R.S. 41-1251)

(Authorized by Laws 1986, chapter 85 and amended  
by Laws 1989, chapter 159)House Members(R) Kavanagh, Vice Chair  
(R) Crandall  
(R) McComish  
(R) McLain  
(D) Lujan  
(D) Schapira  
(D) SinemaSenate Members(R) Pearce, Chair  
(R) Allen, S.  
(R) Gray, C.  
(R) Melvin  
(D) Aboud  
(D) Aguirre  
(D) GarciaSTATE BOARD FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

(A.R.S. 15-182)

(Authorized by Laws 1994, chapter 2, ninth special session  
and amended by Laws 1996, chapter 356, Laws 1997, chapter 231  
and Laws 2004, chapter 257)Speaker and President AppointmentsRepresentative Murphy, advisory  
vacant, advisory  
vacant, advisory

Termination Date: July 1, 2014

CHILD SUPPORT COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 25-323.01)

(Authorized by Laws 2002, chapter 332, and amended by Laws 2003,  
chapter 230 and Laws 2007, chapter 73)House Members(R) vacant, Cochair  
(D) vacantSenate Members(R) Verschoor, Cochair  
(D) RiosSpeaker AppointmentsBrandon Maxwell  
Suzanne MilesPresident Appointmentsvacant  
vacantSpeaker and President AppointmentsRussell Smoldon  
vacant

Termination Date: December 31, 2017

STATE COMMISSION ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND  
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

(A.R.S. 41-4251)

(Authorized by Laws 2006, chapter 385)

Speaker Appointment

John Driggs

President Appointment

Betsey Bayless

Termination Date: July 1, 2016



COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 13-3826)

(Authorized by Laws 1997, chapter 136 and amended by Laws 1999, chapters 262 and 305, Laws 2003, chapter 173, Laws 2004, chapters 272 and 308, Laws 2005, chapter 187 and Laws 2006, chapter 201)

House Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
(R) vacant, advisory  
(D) Sinema, advisory

Senate Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
(R) Paton, advisory  
(D) Miranda, advisory

Speaker Appointments

Mary Crozier  
Paul Prato

President Appointments

Elizabeth Houde  
vacant

COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL

(A.R.S. 49-456)

(Authorized by Laws 1992, chapter 299 and amended by Laws 1999, chapter 262 and Laws 2000, chapter 56)

Speaker Appointments

David Gillespie  
Lenny Gulotta

President Appointments

vacant  
vacant

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 41-618)

(Authorized by Laws 1995, chapter 104 and Laws 2005, chapter 275)

House Members

(R) Biggs, advisory  
(D) Garcia, advisory

Senate Members

(R) Verschoor, advisory  
(D) Miranda, advisory

Speaker Appointments

Kelly Cordes  
Bill Norton

President Appointments

Lisa Fink  
vacant

Termination Date: July 1, 2015

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DES BLOCK GRANTS

(Authorized by United States  
Public Law 105-285)

House Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
(R) Harper  
(R) Verschoor  
(D) Rios  
(D) vacant

DEBT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 35-504)

(Authorized by Laws 1996, chapter 1, seventh special session and amended by Laws 1999, chapter 19)

Speaker and President Appointments

Jim Brodnax  
Kevin McCarthy  
Meyer Turken

## COMMITTEES

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 36-573)

(Authorized by Laws 2006, chapter 189)

House Members

(R) Murphy, Cochair

(R) McComish

(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) vacant, Cochair

(R) Allen

(D) Miranda

Speaker Appointments

Paul Bennewitz

Dave Cutty

Elizabeth Freeburg

Doreen Granpeescheh

President Appointments

John Hinz

Bradley Newman

Ray Rafferdt

Carleton Rogers

Termination Date: July 1, 2011

TASK FORCE FOR RETRAINING OF DISABLED MILITARY VETERANS

(Authorized by Laws 2008, chapter 128)

Speaker Appointment

vacant

President Appointment

vacant

Termination Date: September 30, 2018

DOMESTIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 25-323.02)

(Authorized by Laws 2002, chapter 332 and amended by Laws 2004, chapter 320, Laws 2006, chapter 364 and Laws 2007, chapter 73)

House Members

(R) Court, Cochair

(R) Biggs

(D) Ableser

(D) Lujan

Senate Members

(R) Gray, L., Cochair

(R) vacant

(D) Landrum Taylor

(D) Rios

Speaker Appointments

Daniel Cartagena

Jack Gibson

Danette Hendry

Jeff Hynes

David Weinstock

Brian Yee

President Appointments

Dave Horowitz

Ella Maley

Patty O'Berry

George Salaz

Donnalee Sarda

Russell Smoldon

Termination Date: December 31, 2017

OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ON DRIVING OR OPERATING  
UNDER THE INFLUENCE ABATEMENT

(A.R.S. 28-1303)

(Authorized by Laws 1998, chapter 302 and amended by Laws 1999, chapter 262, Laws 2001, chapter 95 and Laws 2004, chapter 254)  
(formerly Driving Under the Influence Abatement Council)Speaker Appointment

vacant

President Appointment

Robert Buckland

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON RESIDUAL  
CONTAMINATION OF DRUG PROPERTIES

(A.R.S. 12-1001)  
(Authorized by Laws 2002, chapter 297)

House Members

(R) Barnes  
(R) Kavanagh  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) Gray, C.  
(R) Leff  
(D) Aboud

ARIZONA E-LEARNING TASK FORCE

(A.R.S. 15-1044)  
(Authorized by Laws 2006, chapter 375 and amended by  
Laws 2007, chapter 264 and Laws 2008, chapter 265)

Speaker Appointments

Jerry D'Agostino  
Theodore Kraver  
Casey Loman  
Mark Nichols

President Appointments

David Diokno  
Kimberly Flake  
Sandi Grandberry  
Joseph O'Reilly

Termination Date: July 1, 2016

ECONOMIC ESTIMATES COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 41-561)  
(Authorized by Laws 1978, chapter 212)

Speaker Appointment

Elliott Pollack

President Appointment

Alan Maguire

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

(A.R.S. 15-1901)  
(Authorized by Laws 1980, chapter 161 and amended  
by Laws 1981, chapter 1)

House Members

(R) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) Gray, L.  
(D) Aboud

STATE EMERGENCY COUNCIL

(A.R.S. 26-304)  
(Authorized by Laws 1971, chapter 51 and amended by Laws 1973, chapter  
158, Laws 1974, chapter 136, Laws 1981, chapter 149, Laws 1983, chapter 195,  
Laws 1984, chapter 187, Laws 1986, chapter 330, Laws 1992, chapter  
156, Laws 1995, chapter 240 and Laws 1998, chapter 134)

House Member

(R) Adams, advisory

Senate Member

(R) Burns, advisory

ARIZONA ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TASK FORCE

(A.R.S. 15-756.01)  
(Authorized by Laws 2006, chapter 4)

Speaker Appointments

Jim DiCello  
vacant

President Appointments

Johanna Havar  
Alan Maguire

## COMMITTEES

HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 38-519)

(Authorized by Laws 1983, chapter 328 and amended  
by Laws 2004, chapter 41)House Members(R) Weiers, Jim, Chair  
(R) Crump  
(R) Lesko  
(D) Lujan  
(D) SinemaSENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 38-519)

(Authorized by Laws 1983, chapter 328 and amended  
by Laws 2004, chapter 41)Senate Members(R) Gould, Chair  
(R) Paton  
(R) Verschoor  
(D) Miranda  
(D) RiosJOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL MANDATES

(A.R.S. 41-1293)

(Authorized by Laws 1994, chapter 161 and  
amended by Laws 1995, chapter 109)House Members(R) vacant, Cochair  
(R) Barto  
(R) vacant  
(R) Driggs  
(R) McLain  
(D) Meza  
(D) vacantSenate Members(R) vacant, Cochair  
(R) Gould  
(R) Gray, C.  
(R) vacant  
(R) Waring  
(D) vacant  
(D) HaleJOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL  
POSITION SYSTEM MONITORING(Authorized by Laws 2007, chapter 54 and amended by  
Laws 2009, chapter 152)House Members(R) Crump, Cochair  
(D) LopesSenate Members(R) Waring, Cochair  
(D) GarciaSpeaker Appointment

Bill Montgomery

President AppointmentsGeorge Gascon  
Elizabeth Houde

Termination Date: September 30, 2011

LEGISLATIVE GOVERNMENTAL MALL COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 41-1361 and 41-1362)  
 (Authorized by Laws 1985, chapter 23 and amended by Laws 1985,  
 chapter 350, Laws 1988, chapter 160, Laws 1995, chapter 70, Laws 1996,  
 chapter 7, and Laws 2001, chapter 91)

House Member  
 (R) Kavanagh, advisory

Senate Member  
 (R) vacant, advisory

Speaker Appointment  
 Kevin DeMenna

President Appointment  
 vacant

GOVERNOR'S REGULATORY REVIEW COUNCIL

(A.R.S. 41-1051)  
 (Authorized by Laws 1986, chapter 232 and amended by Laws 1994, chapter 363,  
 Laws 1995, chapters 37 and 251, Laws 1997, chapter 59, Laws 1998, chapter 57,  
 Laws 1999, chapter 300, Laws 2003, chapter 104 and Laws 2007, chapter 85)

Speaker Appointment  
 Marcus Osborn

President Appointment  
 Stan Barnes

Termination Date: July 1, 2017

HIGHWAY EXPANSION AND EXTENSION LOAN  
PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 28-7672)  
 (Authorized by Laws 1998, chapter 263 and amended by  
 Laws 1999, chapter 262)

Speaker Appointments  
 James Glock  
 Lela Steffey

President Appointments  
 William Gray Beyer  
 Gary Bourne

Termination Date: December 31, 2009

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
COORDINATING COUNCIL

(A.R.S. 41-4256)  
 (Authorized by Laws 2006, chapter 317 and amended by  
 Laws 2009, chapter 113)

House Members  
 (R) vacant  
 (D) vacant

Senate Members  
 (R) vacant  
 (D) Aguirre

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

(A.R.S. 41-4257)  
 (Authorized by Laws 2006, chapter 317)

House Members  
 (R) vacant, Cochair  
 (R) Nichols  
 (R) vacant  
 (D) vacant  
 (D) vacant

Senate Members  
 (R) vacant, Cochair  
 (R) Harper  
 (R) Verschoor  
 (D) Miranda  
 (D) vacant

ARIZONA HOUSING COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 41-3954 effectual from and after September 30, 2002)  
 (Authorized by Laws 2001, chapter 22 and amended  
 by Laws 2001, chapter 368)

House Member  
 (D) Meza, advisory

Senate Member  
 (D) Cheuvront, advisory

JOINT LEGISLATIVE INCOME TAX CREDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 43-221)  
 (Authorized by Laws 2002, chapter 238 and  
 amended by Laws 2003, chapter 122)

House Members  
 (R) Yarbrough, Cochair  
 (R) Murphy  
 (R) Reagan  
 (D) Brown  
 (D) Chabin

Senate Members  
 (R) Waring, Cochair  
 (R) Pierce  
 (R) Gould  
 (D) Cheuvront  
 (D) Garcia

NOMINATION, RETENTION AND STANDARDS COMMISSION  
ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

(A.R.S. 41-4252)  
 (Authorized by Laws 2006, chapter 369)

Speaker Appointment  
 Jim Belanger

President Appointment  
 Dale Baich

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 41-3521)  
 (Authorized by Laws 1996, chapter 342 and amended by  
 Laws 1998, chapter 24, Laws 2000, chapter 88, Laws 2003,  
 chapter 13, Laws 2006, chapter 89 and Laws 2007, chapter 259)

House Member  
 (R) Tobin, advisory

Senate Member  
 (R) Burns, advisory

Termination Date: July 1, 2016

ARIZONA INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(A.R.S. 41-1553.02)  
 (Authorized by Laws 1994, chapter 225 and  
 amended by Laws 1995, chapter 106)

House Member  
 (R) Adams, advisory

Senate Member  
 (R) Burns, advisory

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE SUPERVISION OF PAROLEES

(A.R.S. 31-461)

House Member  
 (R) Yarbrough

Senate Member  
 (R) Verschoor

JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON K-12 SCHOOL  
DISTRICT RECEIVERSHIP

(Authorized by Laws 2007, chapter 234)

House Members

(R) vacant  
(R) Crandall  
(R) Crump  
(D) Garcia  
(D) Schapira

Senate Members

(R) Huppenthal  
(R) vacant  
(R) Gould  
(D) Cheuvront  
(D) Hale

JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON K-12 SCHOOL  
FUNDING AND BEST PRACTICES

(Authorized by Laws 2007, chapter 264)

House Members

(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) Allen  
(R) Burns  
(R) Gray, L.  
(D) Aboud  
(D) McCune Davis

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(A.R.S. 41-1301)

(Authorized by Laws 1953, chapter 2 and amended by Laws 1982,  
chapter 18, Laws 1990, chapter 57, Laws 1997,  
chapter 69 and Laws 2000, chapter 302)

House Members

(R) Adams, Vice Chair  
(R) McComish  
(R) Tobin  
(R) Yarbrough  
(D) Campbell, Chad  
(D) Farley  
(D) Lujan

Senate Members

(R) Burns, Chair  
(R) Gray, C  
(R) Gray, L.  
(R) Verschoor  
(D) Garcia  
(D) Miranda  
(D) Lopez

Termination Date: July 1, 2010

BOARD OF ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS

(A.R.S. 41-1332)

(Authorized by Laws 1976, chapter 104 and amended by Laws 2000,  
chapter 88 and Laws 2009, chapter 114)

House Members

(R) Adams, Vice Chair  
(D) Campbell, Cloves

Senate Members

(R) Burns, Chair  
(D) vacant

Termination Date: July 1, 2010

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON LONG-TERM CARE

(A.R.S. 41-3901)

(Authorized by Laws 2001, chapter 85)

House Members

(R) vacant, non-voting  
(D) McGuire, non-voting

Senate Members

(R) Allen, non-voting  
(D) Burton Cahill, non-voting

Termination Date: July 1, 2011

## COMMITTEES

MARRIAGE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 46-361, renumbered as A.R.S. 41-2031)

(Authorized by Laws 2000, chapter 393 and repealed by Laws 2004, chapter 20)

House Members

(R) vacant, Cochair, advisory

(D) Bradley, advisory

Senate Members

(R) Gray, L., Cochair, advisory

(D) vacant, advisory

Speaker Appointment

Austin Hill

President Appointment

Marci Harris

Termination Date: August 31, 2009

MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 41-1512)

(Authorized by Laws 2004, chapter 235)

Speaker Appointments

Lisa Atkins

Bruce Heiden

Larry Nelson

President Appointments

Elaine Scruggs

Leyton Woolf

vacant

Termination Date: July 1, 2014

MULTISTATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

(A.R.S. 28-1821 &amp; 28-1822)

(Authorized by Laws 1989, chapter 30)

House Member

(R) Biggs, advisory

Senate Member

(D) Nelson, advisory

MUNICIPAL TAX CODE COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 42-6052)

(Authorized by Laws 1997, chapter 150 and amended by Laws 1998, chapter 1,  
Laws 1999, chapter 225, Laws 2000, chapter 297 and Laws 2005, chapter 33)Speaker Appointments

Kerry Ballard

Georgia Lord

President Appointments

Sal DiCiccio

Shirley Scott

Termination Date: July 1, 2015

OMBUDSMAN-CITIZENS' AIDE SELECTION COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 41-1373)

(Authorized by Laws 1995, chapter 281 and amended by Laws 1996, chapter 69,  
Laws 1998, chapter 10, Laws 2000, chapter 47, Laws 2005, chapter 28  
and Laws 2006, chapter 6)House Members

(R) Barnes

(D) Garcia

Senate Members

(R) Waring

(D) Miranda

Speaker Appointment

James Willinger

President Appointment

Molly Greene

Termination Date: July 1, 2010



ARIZONA PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL BOARD

(A.R.S. 41-1829)  
(Authorized by Laws 1989, chapter 117)

House Members

(R) vacant, advisory  
(R) vacant, advisory

Senate Members

(R) Pearce, advisory  
(R) Paton, advisory

PERFORMANCE BASED INCENTIVES PROGRAM  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 38-619)  
(Authorized by Laws 2001, chapter 247 and amended  
by Laws 2003, chapter 263 and Laws 2006, chapter 1)

House Members

(R) McComish, Cochair  
(D) Bradley

Senate Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
(D) Landrum Taylor

Speaker Appointment

vacant

President Appointment

Kathy Haake

PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Authorized by Laws 2008, chapter 309)

Speaker Appointments

Kevin Etheridge  
vacant

President Appointments

Ken Fredrick  
Jack Latham

PROPERTY TAX OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 42-306: 42-17002)  
(Authorized by Laws 1987, chapter 204 and amended by Laws 1988,  
chapter 271, Laws 1989, chapter 11, Laws 1997, chapter 150,  
Laws 1998, chapter 1, Laws 1999, chapter 290 and Laws 2007, chapter 41)

Speaker and President Appointments

James Brodnax  
Kevin McCarthy  
Fred Stiles

Termination Date: July 1, 2017

PROSTATE CANCER TASK FORCE

(A.R.S. 36-142)  
(Authorized by Laws 2000, chapter 336 and amended by  
Laws 2001, chapter 90)

Speaker Appointments

Gregory Muhammad  
Ralph Valle

President Appointments

Gene Felker  
vacant

Termination Date: July 1, 2010

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TRANSPORTATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE

(Authorized by Laws 2004, chapter 2)

Speaker Appointments

Steve Beard, Sr.  
David Berry  
Eneas Kane

President Appointments

Jed Billings  
Mark Killian  
David Scholl

RESERVATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE

(Authorized by Laws 2006, chapter 289 and amended by  
Laws 2008, chapter 114)

House Members

(D) Chabin, Cochair  
(R) Konopnicki  
(R) vacant

Senate Members

(D) Hale, Cochair  
(R) Tibshraeny  
(R) vacant

Termination Date: September 30, 2010

COMMISSION ON SALARIES FOR ELECTIVE STATE OFFICERS

(Article V, Section 13, Arizona State Constitution and A.R.S. 41-1902,  
amended by Laws 1983, chapter 131,  
Laws 1990, chapter 57, and Laws 2000, chapter 52)  
(Authorized by the people by election November 3, 1970)

Speaker Appointment

C. Webb Crockett

President Appointment

Randie Stein

SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 15-153)  
(Authorized by Laws 1997, chapter 220 and  
amended by Laws 2007, chapter 62)

House Members

(R) Goodale, Cochair, advisory  
(D) Campbell, Cloves, advisory

Senate Members

(R) Verschoor, Cochair, advisory  
(D) Lopez, advisory

Speaker Appointment

Andy Swann

Termination Date: July 1, 2017

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 41-4256)  
(Authorized by Laws 2009, chapter 25)

House Members

(R) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) vacant  
(D) vacant

FEDERAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION  
ACT STUDY COMMITTEE

(Authorized by Laws 2009, chapter 125)

House Members

(R) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) Gray, L., Cochair  
(D) vacant

Speaker Appointments

vacant  
vacant

President Appointments

Steven Gray  
vacant

Termination Date: December 31, 2010

SOLAR ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL

(A.R.S. 41-1510)

(Authorized by Laws 1975, chapter 20 and amended by Laws 1977, chapter 58, Laws 1979, chapter 48, Laws 1986, chapter 143, Laws 1987, chapter 327, Laws 1992, chapter 70, Laws 1993, chapter 174, Laws 1994, chapter 148, Laws 1999, chapter 20 and Laws 2005, chapter 26)

House Member  
(R) Adams, advisory

Senate Member  
(R) Burns, advisory

Termination Date: July 1, 2015

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLAR EQUIPMENT PERMIT  
PROCESS IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

(Authorized by Laws 2008, chapter 241)

House Members  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant

Speaker Appointments  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant

President Appointments  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant  
vacant

Termination Date: September 30, 2010

TOURISM AND SPORTS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(A.R.S. 5-803)

(Authorized by Laws 2000, chapter 372 and amended by  
Laws 2002, chapter 288)

Speaker Appointments  
John Benton  
Bill Peltier

President Appointments  
Judy Bernas  
Rod Williams

JOINT LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
BETWEEN SONORA, MEXICO AND ARIZONA

(Authorized by Laws 2009, chapter 187)

House Members  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant

Senate Members  
(R) Nelson, Chair  
(R) vacant  
(D) vacant

UPPER SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT

(A.R.S. 48-6403.01)

(Authorized by Laws 2007, chapter 252)

Speaker Appointments  
Mary Ann Black  
Michael Rutherford

President Appointments  
John Ladd  
Carl Robie

## COMMITTEES

ARIZONA WATER BANKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 45-2421)

(Authorized by Laws 1996, chapter 308 and amended by Laws 1997, chapter 15, Laws 1998, chapter 47 and Laws 1999, chapter 16)

House Member  
(R) Mason, ex officioSenate Member  
(R) Burns, ex officioARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND COMMISSION

(A.R.S. 45-2103)

(Authorized by Laws 1994, chapter 278 and amended by Laws 1999, chapter 262)

Speaker Appointments  
Patrick Bray  
John Munderloh  
Tom RankinPresident Appointments  
Charles Bradley DeSpain  
vacant  
Marie LightSTATE WILDLAND-URBAN FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

(A.R.S. 41-2148)

(Authorized by Laws 2004, chapter 326 and Laws 2005, chapter 278)

Speaker Appointments  
John Bedell  
Wally Covington  
James Jayne  
Martin ReillPresident Appointments  
Michael Bradley  
Sandy Byra  
Sean Noble  
vacant

COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE

(A.R.S. 41-2954)

(Authorized by Laws 1978, chapter 210 and amended by Laws 1979, chapter 32, Laws 1980, chapter 232, Laws 1981, chapter 225, Laws 1982, chapter 247, Laws 1983, chapter 101, Laws 1984, chapter 179 and Laws 1992, chapter 56)

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
TO THE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCEAPPROPRIATIONS

Kavanagh, Chair  
Biggs  
Campbell, Cloves  
Murphy  
Sinema

BANKING & INSURANCE

McLain, Chair  
Bradley  
Meza  
Quelland  
Seel

COMMERCE

Hendrix, Chair  
Campbell, Chad  
Crandall  
Meza  
Reagan

EDUCATION

Crandall, Chair  
Court  
Goodale  
Meyer  
Waters

ENVIRONMENT

Barnes, Chair  
Ableser  
Jones  
McGuire  
Pratt

GOVERNMENT

Montenegro, Chair  
Campbell, Chad  
Chabin  
Driggs  
Gowan

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Barto, Chair  
Ableser  
Bradley  
Court  
Goodale

JUDICIARY

Ash, Chair  
Driggs  
Miranda  
Montenegro  
Tovar

MILITARY AFFAIRS & PUBLIC  
SAFETY

Weiers, Jerry, Chair  
Fleming  
Gowan  
McGuire  
Seel

NATURAL RESOURCES &  
RURAL AFFAIRS

Jones, Chair  
Fleming  
Konopnicki  
Pancrazi  
Pratt

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, RETIREMENT &  
INTITLEMENT REFORM

Burges, Chair  
Ash  
Lesko  
Lopes  
Pancrazi

TRANSPORTATION &  
INFRASTRUCTURE

Antenori, Chair  
Crump  
Farley  
McLain  
Waters

WATER & ENERGY

Mason, Chair  
Deschene  
Goodale  
Stevens  
Young-Wright

WAYS & MEANS

Lesko, Chair  
Biggs  
Brown  
Chabin  
Murphy

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
TO THE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE

APPROPRIATIONS

Melvin, Chair  
Aguirre  
Gould  
Harper  
Rios

COMMERCE &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Leff, Chair  
Allen, C.  
Cheuvront  
Miranda  
Verschoor

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY  
& REFORM

Paton, Chair  
Allen, S.  
Gray, L.  
Landrum Taylor  
Lopez

FINANCE

Waring, Chair  
Cheuvront  
Leff  
Miranda  
Pierce

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

Tibshraeny, Chair  
Burton Cahill  
Garcia  
Gray, C.  
Waring

HEALTH CARE & MEDICAL  
LIABILITY REFORM

Nelson, Chair  
Aguirre  
Leff  
Lopez  
Verschoor

JUDICIARY

Huppenthal, Chair  
Cheuvront  
Gray, C.  
Miranda  
Pearce

NATURAL RESOURCE,  
INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC DEBT

Nelson, Chair  
Aguirre  
Allen, S.  
Hale  
Pierce

PUBLIC SAFETY &  
HUMAN SERVICES

Gray, L., Chair  
Landrum Taylor  
Melvin  
Rios  
Waring

RETIREMENT & RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

Gould, Chair  
Allen, S.  
Lopez  
Pierce  
Rios

VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Harper, Chair  
Burton Cahill  
Hale  
Melvin  
Nelson

Ad HocAD HOC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON AGENCY  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYHouse Members

(R) Stevens, Chair  
 (R) Seel, Vice-Chair  
 (R) Hendrix  
 (R) Lesko  
 (R) Murphy  
 (D) Tovar  
 (D) Waters

Termination Date: January 2010

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE REGULATIONSHouse Members

(R) Jones, Cochair  
 (R) Konopnicki  
 (D) Pancrazi

Senate Members

(R) Pierce, Cochair  
 (R) Nelson  
 (D) Aguirre

Speaker Appointments

Susan Chase  
 Victor Smith

President Appointments

Steven Bales  
 Larry McDonald

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON COMPUTER POLICYHouse Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
 (R) McComish  
 (D) Lujan  
 (D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) Tibshraeny, Cochair  
 (R) vacant  
 (D) Chevront  
 (D) Garcia

HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REFORMHouse Members

(R) Mason, Chair  
 (R) Boone  
 (R) Crump  
 (R) vacant  
 (R) McLain  
 (D) Cajero Bedford  
 (D) vacant

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & WATER DEVELOPMENTHouse Members

(R) Gowan, Cochair  
 (R) Jones  
 (R) Pratt  
 (D) Meza

Senate Members

(R) Melvin, Cochair  
 (R) Leff  
 (R) Verschoor  
 (D) Aguirre

Termination Date: August 1, 2010

JOINT LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE ON  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS  
IN ARIZONA SCHOOLSHouse Members

(R) Weiers, Jim, Cochair  
 (R) Boone  
 (D) Lopes

Senate Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
 (R) Verschoor  
 (D) Arzberger



HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,  
PERFORMANCE AND WASTE

House Members

(R) Adams  
(R) vacant  
(R) Murphy  
(R) vacant  
(D) Brown  
(D) vacant

HOUSE AD HOC GREENHOUSE GAS AND CLIMATE  
POLICY TASK FORCE

House Members

(R) Hendrix, Chair  
(R) Mason  
(R) Pratt  
(D) Ableser  
(D) Campbell, Chad

Speaker Appointments

Sandra Kennedy  
Gary Pierce  
Bob Stump

Termination Date: August 1, 2010

JOINT AD HOC TASK FORCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM

House Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
(R) McLain  
(R) vacant  
(D) Campbell, Chad  
(D) vacant

Senate Members

(R) vacant, Cochair  
(R) Gray, L.  
(R) vacant  
(D) Aboud  
(D) vacant

Termination Date: December 31, 2010

IN-HOME HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS STUDY COMMITTEE

House Members

(R) Barto, Cochair  
(D) Campbell, Chad

Senate Members

(D) Aguirre, Cochair  
(R) Allen, C.

Speaker Appointments

Karen Barno  
Dawn DeMers  
Guy Mikkelsen  
Victor McMurry

President Appointments

Kathleen Collins-Pagels  
Virginia Pottenger  
Gail Silvestein

Termination Date: October 21, 2009

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MINING REGULATIONS

House Members

(R) Jones, Cochair  
(R) Pratt  
(D) McGuire

Senate Members

(R) Allen, S., Cochair  
(R) Nelson  
(D) Aguirre

Speaker Appointments

Kris Hefton  
Yates Hudson  
Tom Lowry

President Appointments

Chad Fretz  
Bill Staudenmaire

Termination Date: August 1, 2010

HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SCHOOL  
TUITION TAX CREDIT REVIEW

House Members

(R) Murphy, Chair  
(R) Biggs  
(R) Lesko  
(D) Brown  
(D) Chabin

Termination Date: December 15, 2009

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RENEWABLE GENERATION AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY

House Members

(R) Mason, Chair  
(R) Konopnicki  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(R) vacant  
(D) Brown  
(D) vacant

HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN  
UNIVERSITY FUNDING

House Members

(R) Nichols, Chair  
(R) vacant  
(D) Lopes

## FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

2009—2010

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Kavanagh, Chair; Biggs, Vice Chair;  
Cajero Bedford, Campbell CL, Court,  
Crandall, Heinz, Jones, McLain,  
Murphy, Schapira, Sinema, Williams

**BANKING & INSURANCE**

McLain, Chair; Quelland, Vice Chair;  
Ash, Bradley, Campbell CL, Meza,  
Seel, Tobin

**COMMERCE**

Reagan, Chair; Hendrix, Vice Chair;  
Cajero Bedford, Campbell CH, Crandall,  
Konopnicki, Meza, Pratt

**EDUCATION**

Crandall, Chair; Goodale, Vice Chair;  
Barto, Court, Hendrix, Meyer Schapira,  
Waters, Williams, Young Wright

**ENVIRONMENT**

Barnes, Chair; Pratt, Vice Chair;  
Ableser, Garcia, Jones, McGuire,  
Mason, Quelland

**GOVERNMENT**

Crump, Chair; Montenegro, Vice  
Chair;  
Antenori, Campbell CH, Chabin,  
Driggs, Gowan, Nichols, Tovar

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Barto, Chair; Court, Vice Chair;  
Ableser, Antenori, Boone, Bradley,  
Goodale, Lopes, Murphy

**JUDICIARY**

Driggs, Chair; Ash, Vice Chair;  
Barto, Konopnicki, Miranda,  
Montenegro, Sinema, Tovar

**MILITARY AFFAIRS & PUBLIC SAFETY**

Weiers (Jerry), Chair; Gowan, Vice  
Chair;  
Barnes, Crump, Fleming, McGuire,  
Patterson, Seel

**NATURAL RESOURCES & RURAL AFFAIRS**

Konopnicki, Chair; Jones, Vice Chair;  
Deschene, Fleming, Pancrazi, Pratt,  
Stevens, Weiers (Jerry)

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, RETIREMENT & ENTITLEMENT REFORM**

Boone, Chair; Burges, Vice Chair;  
Ash, Heinz, Lesko, Lopes, Pancrazi,  
Williams

**RULES**

Nichols, Chair; Yarbrough, Vice  
Chair;  
Speaker Adams, Brown, Garcia,  
McComish,  
Miranda, Tobin

**TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**

Biggs, Chair; Antenori, Vice Chair;  
Burges, Crump, Farley, McLain,  
Meyer, Waters

**WATER & ENERGY**

Mason, Chair; Stevens, Vice Chair;  
Deschene, Goodale, Patterson,  
Quelland, Weiers (Jerry), Young  
Wright

**WAYS & MEANS**

Murphy, Chair; Lesko, Vice Chair;  
Biggs, Brown, Chabin, Farley, Reagan,  
Yarbrough

## FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

2009—2010

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Russell Pearce, Chairman; Al Melvin, Vice-chairman;  
Paula Aboud, Amanda Aguirre, Sylvia Allen, Pamela Gorman, Ron Gould, Albert Hale, Jack Harper, Steve Pierce, Rebecca Rios

**JUDICIARY**

Jonathan Paton, Chairman; John Huppenthal, Vice-chairman;  
Meg Burton Cahill, Ken Chevront, Chuck Gray, Richard Miranda, Russell K. Pearce

**COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Barbara Leff, Chairman; Jay Tibshraeny, Vice-chairman;  
Carolyn Allen, Ken Chevront, Debbie McCune Davis, Richard Miranda, Jonathan Paton, Thayer Verschoor

**NATURAL RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC DEBT**

John B. Nelson, Chairman; Steve Pierce, Vice-chairman;  
Amanda Aguirre, Sylvia Allen, Pamela Gorman, Albert Hale, Leah Landrum Taylor

**EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM**

John Huppenthal, Chairman; Linda Gray, Vice-chairman;  
Paula Aboud, Sylvia Allen, Leah Landrum Taylor, Linda Lopez, Jonathan Paton

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Linda Gray, Chairman; Jim Waring, Vice-chairman;  
Manuel V. "Manny" Alvarez, Leah Landrum Taylor, Al Melvin, Rebecca Rios, Jay Tibshraeny

**FINANCE**

Jim Waring, Chairman; Barbara Leff, Vice-chairman;  
Ken Chevront, Ron Gould, Debbie McCune Davis, Richard Miranda, Russell K. Pearce, Steve Pierce

**RETIREMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Ron Gould, Chairman; Sylvia Allen, Vice-chairman;  
John Huppenthal, Linda Lopez, Steve Pierce, Rebecca Rios

**GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS**

Jay Tibshraeny, Chairman; Jack Harper, Vice-chairman;  
Manuel V. "Manny" Alvarez, Meg Burton Cahill, Jorge Luis Garcia, Chuck Gray, Linda Gray, Jim Waring

**RULES**

Robert "Bob" Burns, Chairman; Chuck Gray, Vice-chairman;  
Jorge Luis Garcia, Pamela Gorman, Debbie McCune Davis, Thayer Verschoor

**HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM**

Carolyn Allen, Chairman; Thayer Verschoor, Vice-chairman;  
Paula Aboud, Amanda Aguirre, Barbara Leff, Linda Lopez, John B. Nelson

**VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Jack Harper, Chairman; John B. Nelson, Vice-chairman;  
Carolyn Allen, Manuel V. "Manny" Alvarez, Meg Burton Cahill, Albert Hale, Al Melvin

STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS  
THE HONORABLE RUTH V. MCGREGOR  
CHIEF JUSTICE, ARIZONA SUPREME COURT  
MARCH 23, 2009

Good afternoon, President Burns, Speaker Adams, members of the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives, colleagues, judges, guests and fellow Arizonans.

This is the third year that I have spoken to you about the state of Arizona's judiciary. When I first became Chief Justice, we established a Strategic Agenda, called "Good to Great," that focuses on the principle that, while Arizona has a good court system, we can always find ways to make it better. During the past four years, we have made significant improvements at every level of our court system. For example, we launched an effort to expedite the processing of DUI cases because of the severe consequences these cases have on our communities statewide. That effort, which continues today, has reduced DUI cases pending for more than 180 days by 77%. We instituted new appellate proceedings that have substantially reduced the time needed to complete review of cases involving the termination of parental rights. And, when we call on jurors to serve at the courthouse, we offer an online service that allow jurors to select their most convenient jury service date.

All of our courts, working with our Commission on Technology, have continued their efforts toward greater automation and better electronic communication with other justice agencies. In addition, our courts have found new ways to work with and support one another and our partners in the justice system. I anticipated that we would make progress in these and many other areas. What I did not foresee was the magnitude of the current economic downturn. While the Legislature and Governor have primary responsibility for finding a solution to Arizona's fiscal crisis, the court system understands that we must do our part to find ways to manage in these hard times.

In my past reports on the state of the judiciary, I did not speak about financial issues facing the courts: other conversations provided more appropriate opportunities to address that subject. Currently, however, the courts, like all parts of government, simply cannot describe their condition without reference to financial challenges. So today, I will talk with you and the people of Arizona about our efforts to continue moving our courts from "Good to Great" in very hard times.

I can report to you that, viewed as a reflection of the dedication and skill of our judges, clerks of court, administrators, staff, and hundreds of volunteers, the state of the judiciary is strong indeed. Viewed in the context of Arizona's fiscal crisis, the state of the judiciary is precarious.

As you are well aware, recent years have seen substantial growth in Arizona's state government; that growth, however, has not occurred within the state-funded portion of the Judicial Branch. Since 2000, the Judicial Branch's General Fund allocation has actually decreased by 13% and the courts now receive only 1.25% of the General Fund. Given the combined effect of the decrease in Arizona's General Fund and the state courts' reduced proportion of that fund, we are limited in the difference we can make to the State's bottom line.

Even though we play a limited role in the state budget, during this crisis the Judicial Branch has stepped forward to propose a budget reduction plan that allows us to do our part while helping to keep the public safe. Working with the Legislature and the Governor during the past two years, the Courts have absorbed state funding cuts and fund sweeps of more than \$28 million. Because of those cuts, we have eliminated more than 125 state positions, and Arizona's trial courts, superior, justice, and municipal, have frozen hundreds of other positions as a result of cuts imposed by counties and cities. In addition to reducing personnel, we have taken a number of other steps to respond to the budget crisis. I have directed the courts to re-examine all expenditures and revenue sources to find ways to reduce costs and increase revenue.

We have taken other actions: we have temporarily reduced by half the annual training requirement for non-judicial employees, which saves court education costs; we have moved to re-structure and streamline court operations; and we will expand the highly successful FARE program to increase revenues. As you know, the FARE program is a public-private partnership through which we collect court-ordered fees, fines, and restitution and then return the collected amounts to state, county, and city coffers, as directed by statute.

By expanding FARE, we will not only enforce more court orders but also increase revenues to the cities, counties, and state. Over the past five years, our efforts through the FARE partnership have increased revenues by an impressive \$460 million, and we intend to further increase those revenues.

Any cost-reducing efforts by the judicial branch must involve the costs of probation services, which account for 80% of the General Fund dollars we receive. To identify possible cost savings involving probation, our presiding judges are developing and implementing plans to determine whether we can safely move offenders currently on probation to a lower level of probation, or terminate probation early. We also are re-engineering our probation pre-sentence reports to ensure that we have the most important information prioritized and readily available for public protection purposes.

We cannot avoid the reality that additional cuts to the judicial branch budget will necessarily impact probation services, but we must move cautiously because reducing the level of supervision unwisely can impact public safety. For that reason, we have proposed to the Legislature some carefully-defined procedures to reduce the cost of probation. Cuts beyond those we have proposed come with public safety consequences. I say this not to cause alarm, but to alert you to the very real impact of further cuts to the judiciary.

Our ability to absorb cuts is not without limits. The judicial branch of government is a separate, coequal branch of government, not a discretionary agency: we must operate no matter the economic climate. A lack of resources, at some point, makes it impossible for the court system to function. Faced with similar budget crises, some states have reached a point of constitutional confrontation between the political branches of government, with their constitutional obligation to manage budgets and appropriations, and the judicial branch, with its constitutional obligation to maintain the justice system. By working together, Arizona has avoided that situation, and the budget reduction plan we have submitted allows us to continue to avoid a collision that benefits no one, least of all the people we all serve. Our courts understand that we must bear some of the financial burden facing Arizona, we have pledged to you that we will continue to work with you to find solutions.

What we cannot do, however, is take steps that make it impossible for the judicial branch of government to operate. In these challenging days, Arizona's state government may have to eliminate some services; a fair and impartial justice system cannot be one of them. In fact, during bad economic times, people need the courts more than ever, and our caseloads increase even as our resources decrease. This economic downturn is no exception: we currently are experiencing an unprecedented growth in court filings. Based upon that growth, we project that, for the FY 07 through FY 09 period, statewide superior court civil filings will increase by 50%; we expect contract lawsuits to increase by 90%. Juvenile abuse and neglect cases are on track to increase by 53%.

One need not be an expert in court administration to understand the combined effect of reduced resources and increased case filings. The only possible result of the intersection of those two forces is that the courts can resolve a smaller percentage of their cases in a timely manner. It will take longer and longer to move cases through the courts. You might ask, "Who is harmed when a backlog of cases develops in the courts?" The answer is, "Almost everyone."

Delay in criminal cases harms the State, harms defendants waiting for a speedy trial, and harms victims awaiting the prompt resolution of their cases, as guaranteed by the Arizona Constitution. Delay prevents the placement of abused and neglected children in permanent homes after parental rights are severed. Delay increases, sometimes to nearly unbearable levels, the stress experienced by those awaiting child custody or child support decisions. Delay harms those suing or being sued in personal injury suits, as either recovery or exoneration awaits the availability of a judge and jury. And delay harms businesses. The expected increase in eviction and foreclosure actions, construction litigation, and contract disputes, coupled with the decrease in resources available to our courts, assures that resolution of those disputes will take longer.

It is important to recognize that a court system's efficiency in resolving disputes is one factor businesses consider when selecting a state in which to locate. Unfortunately, civil and business cases are the first to be delayed when court budgets are cut, as our Arizona Constitution requires that criminal cases be decided first and statutes mandate priority for juvenile, workers' compensation, and unemployment cases. We cannot let budget cuts return us to the time not so long ago in Arizona when it took 5 to 6 years to complete the resolution of civil cases and still hope to attract new business to Arizona.

Unwarranted delay in processing cases not only frustrates litigants, but also leads to reduced revenue, which in turn impacts all those programs that you have, by statute, directed court receipts to support. We fully recognize the cost of delay. However, the court system simply cannot process the more than 2.8 million cases filed with us each year or maintain and expand FARE without implementing an adequate automated case management system.

Our current case management system requires that we program each new statutory change manually, court by court, across Arizona, each year. Over the years, particularly in the criminal justice system, these changes have increased exponentially and have overwhelmed our current case management system, which is almost twenty years old and failing. We delayed replacing it during the last recession, but delay is no longer an option. Building on several years' planning, we have started the process of converting to a robust, reliable case management system; we must complete this automation work for the rest of our courts.

I cannot exaggerate how serious a problem we face with regard to our case management system. Last summer the judicial branch's central computer room, which will be replaced as part of this project, failed twice during a thirty-day period. In those two instances, we were able to complete temporary repairs to the computer center by working in crisis mode overnight. If this system were to permanently collapse, our network and case processing system would not just be delayed: it would come to a halt, and we would have lines of people stretching for blocks around our courts as they try to conduct their business. If the system were to collapse, we would not be able to manage the orders that process the tens of millions of dollars in child support payments; we could not adequately respond to those seeking secure orders of protection; we would not be able to process cases that affect the economic wellbeing of the state; and we could not perform our constitutional duty to provide access to the courts.

We must be able to serve the civil and criminal justice system and the public and, to do so, we must complete our vital work on the new automation system. The good news is that this automated system does not depend upon state General Fund monies. Its cost will be paid by those who use the courts through user fees that flow into automation funds established by statute by this body. I ask only that you work with our plan and not divert these dedicated user fees to other uses.

Arizona's courts are committed to minimizing the case-processing delays that we know will occur as resources decline. So, like other areas of government, and most of the private sector, we will have to find ways to operate with fewer employees over the next several years. Given our increasing caseloads, we must implement strategic changes in the way we operate the courts.

The judicial system has many projects that are "shovel ready" and needed to make our court system better. We know that, in this economic climate, we must place some of those projects on hold, but some are so essential to maintaining court productivity that we must proceed.

To this end, today I am pleased to announce that, even in the midst of this economic chaos, the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts has negotiated a new public/private e-filing partnership called "AZ Turbo Court."

In formulating this program, we took a lesson from the highly successful MVD "Service AZ" website, another public/private partnership.

When AZ Turbo Court is operational, it will:

- Increase court productivity, which currently is being negatively affected by staff shortages;
- Improve the productivity of the businesses and the lawyers who use our courts by allowing not only e-filing but also electronic storage and access to documents; and
- Greatly simplify the process for citizens filing matters for themselves.

The new system will allow traditional e-filing of documents, but also will provide much more: an intelligent form production process will walk a person through an interview process, determine the required forms and complete those forms with the filer. Modest user fees will finance this service, which, like our case management system, will not require the expenditure of any General Fund monies.

As I mentioned earlier, given the small size of our budget, cuts to the courts do little to help with the budget problem, and additional cuts can do great harm. But we can and have helped in other ways. In addition to the cost-cutting steps I mentioned earlier, the courts will focus on four goals during this fiscal crisis:

- First, we must maintain a quality civil case processing system to serve all courts users and to help attract business to the state.
- Second, we must preserve public protection by maintaining quality criminal case processing, and effective probation systems.
- Third, we must find ways to safely reduce probation revocations to save state prison costs; and
- Finally, the courts must increase revenues by expanding the FARE program.

While our courts must continue their efforts to move from "Good to Great," I recognize we will have to move more slowly as we manage through these rough times. With your help, we will find solutions that continue to assure Arizonans access to a court system that is efficient, responsive, and just. Thank you for your support and assistance as we continue to fulfill our joint obligation to the rule of law.

#### RETIREMENT STATEMENT THE HONORABLE RUTH V. MCGREGOR

Before I leave you today, I have one more announcement. I contacted Governor Brewer this morning and notified her that I intend to retire from the Arizona Supreme Court at the end of June.

I have been privileged to serve this State for the last 20 years as an appellate judge. During my combined years on the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court, I had the pleasure of working with dozens of outstanding and dedicated colleagues, with irreplaceable staff attorneys, and with the talented young graduates who worked with me as my law clerks.

My term as Chief Justice has given me the opportunity to work closely with the judges, clerks of court, court administrators, staff, and hundreds of volunteers who make our courts operate statewide, and I value that opportunity.



I also value the opportunity I have had to work with the members of the Legislative and Executive branches. While we have not always agreed, you did me the honor of listening and considering our branch's views with respect, and I hope you felt reciprocal respect from the courts.

It will be hard to leave the court; the work we do is challenging and meaningful, and the court has become my work family.

But my husband and I, after a half-century of gainful employment, have decided that now is the time to spend more time with family and friends and to take more time to pursue other interests. I leave the courts in the best hands possible. My colleagues on the Supreme Court—Vice Chief Justice Rebecca Berch, Justice Mike Ryan, Justice Andy Hurwitz, and Justice Scott Bales—have amply demonstrated their ability to lead and serve the judicial system and the State.

Our courts across the state benefit from the leadership of our chief and presiding judges, as well as from the combined efforts of our administrators, beginning but not ending with Dave Byers and Mike Baumstark, and our clerks of courts.

I have made no specific plans for my retirement. I expect to remain involved with issues important to our judicial system, including the need to retain judicial independence and our own merit system, as well as the need to provide adequate resources for all our courts so we can provide access to those who need our services.

But, for the present, my focus remains on finding solutions to the problems that face the state judicial system today and ways to continue moving our courts "from Good to Great," even in these challenging times.

Thank you all for your support and your friendship.

